

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 24-25 without prejudice, and amend claim 22 as follows:

1-21. (Cancelled)

22. (Currently Amended) A liquid crystal display device comprising:

a first substrate having thereon a pixel electrode in an active element;

a second substrate having thereon an opposed electrode; and

a liquid crystal layer interposed between said first and second substrates with said electrodes facing each other,

wherein a first orientation control element extending in a nonparallel direction relative to an extending direction of an edge of said pixel electrode and a second orientation control element extending in a parallel direction relative to an extending direction of said edge are provided on at least one of said first and second substrates,

wherein said first orientation control element is provided on said first and second substrates respectively, ~~and~~

wherein at least a part of liquid crystal molecules of said liquid crystal layer on said second orientation control element are orientated in a vertical direction relative to said substrate when voltage is being applied between said pixel and opposed electrodes, and

wherein at least one of said first and second orientation control elements is a slit formed in said pixel electrode in an oblique direction relative to an extending direction of said edge.

23. (Original) The device according to claim 22, wherein said second orientation control element is provided on said second substrate, and said pixel electrode does not exist on at least a part of a place on said first substrate opposed to said second orientation control element.

24-25. (Cancelled)

26. (Original) The device according to claim 22, wherein a dielectric anisotropy of said liquid crystal molecules of said liquid crystal layer is negative.

27-33. (Cancelled)

34. (Previously Presented) The device according to claim 22, wherein said liquid crystal molecules on said second orientation control element are oriented in a non-vertical direction relative to a longitudinal direction of said second orientation control element when no voltage is applied.

35. (Previously Presented) The device according to claim 34, wherein said liquid crystal molecules on said second orientation control element are oriented in a direction of  $45^\circ$  relative to the longitudinal direction of said second orientation control element.